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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

In the Claims

Please rewrite the claims as shown below.

Applicants present the claims as amended below and enclose a separate sheet indicating the changes using bracketing and underlining.

1. A cover comprising:

a body portion substantially surrounded by an outer edge, the body portion having an opening therein; and

a stopper movable between an open position and a closed position, the stopper adapted to close the opening when in the closed position;

wherein the stopper causes a substantially air-tight seal between the cover and a container when in the closed position, and allows the cover to be removed from the container when the stopper is in the open position by releasing the air-tight seal; and

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